

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A computer controlled method comprising:
  2. providing a security credential to a resident alert device, wherein the resident alert device is inserted in a domicile for a resident covered by a secure community alert system to receive information from an emergency operation center; associated with a domicile;
  6. establishing communication between the resident alert device and a provisioning device over a preferred channel, the resident alert device configured to send the security credential to the provisioning device over the preferred channel and to receive a commitment from the provisioning device over the preferred channel;
  10. receiving from the provisioning device over the preferred channel at least one of provisioning information or additional application-specific information, site-specific information, network-specific information, or other information that can be used by the resident alert device, wherein the provisioning information includes a credential and wherein the credential facilitates the resident alert device to become a member of a secure credential infrastructure; and
  16. automatically configuring the resident alert device for receiving information over a secure communication channel responsive to the provisioning information.

1. 2-3. (Cancelled)

1. 4. (Previously Presented) The computer controlled method of claim 3, further comprising transmitting information from the resident alert device over the secure communication channel.

1           5-6. (Cancelled)

1           7. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing  
2    instructions that when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform a  
3    method comprising steps of:

4           providing a security credential to a resident alert device, wherein the  
5    resident alert device is inserted in a domicile for a resident covered by a secure  
6    community alert system to receive information from an emergency operation  
7    center; associated with a domicile;

8           establishing communication between the resident alert device and a  
9    provisioning device over a preferred channel, the resident alert device configured to  
10   send the security credential to the provisioning device over the preferred channel and  
11   to receive a commitment from the provisioning device over the preferred channel;

12           receiving from the provisioning device over the preferred channel at least one  
13    of provisioning information or additional application-specific information, site-  
14    specific information, network-specific information, or other information that can  
15   be used by the resident alert device, wherein the provisioning information includes  
16   a credential and wherein the credential facilitates the resident alert device to  
17   become a member of a secure credential infrastructure; and

18           automatically configuring the resident alert device for receiving information  
19    over a secure communication channel responsive to said provisioning information.

1           8-9. (Cancelled)

1           10. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9,  
2    further comprising transmitting information from the resident alert device over the  
3    secure communication channel.

1 11-12. (Cancelled)

1 13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:  
2 a mechanism configured to provide a security credential to a resident alert  
3 device, wherein the resident alert device is inserted in a domicile for a resident  
4 covered by a secure community alert system to receive information from an  
5 emergency operation center; associated with a domicile;  
6 at least one port configured to establish a preferred channel;  
7 a preferred channel communication mechanism configured to establish  
8 communication with a provisioning device over the preferred channel, the preferred  
9 channel communication mechanism further configured to send the security credential  
10 to the provisioning device over the preferred channel and to receive a commitment  
11 from the provisioning device over the preferred channel;  
12 a receiver mechanism configured to receive from the provisioning device over  
13 the preferred channel at least one of provisioning information or additional  
14 application-specific information, site-specific information, network-specific  
15 information, or other information that can be used by the resident alert device,  
16 wherein the provisioning information includes a credential and wherein the  
17 credential facilitates the resident alert device to become a member of a secure  
18 credential infrastructure; and  
19 an automatic configuration mechanism to enable the resident alert device to  
20 receive information over a secure communication channel established responsive to  
21 said provisioning information.

1 14-15. (Cancelled)

1 16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising a  
2 transmission mechanism configured to transmit information from the resident alert  
3 device over the secure communication channel.

1           17-18. (Cancelled)

1           19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the  
2    information received by the resident alert device is information from an  
3    emergency operation center.

1           20. (Previously Presented) The computer controlled method of claim 1,  
2    wherein the preferred channel comprises a single location-limited channel capable of  
3    communicating both from the wireless sensor to the provisioning device and from the  
4    provisioning device to the wireless sensor.

1           21. (Previously Presented) The computer controlled method of claim 1,  
2    wherein the preferred channel comprises two separate channels, including a first  
3    location-limited channel capable of communicating from the wireless sensor to the  
4    provisioning device and a second location-limited channel capable of communicating  
5    from the provisioning device to the wireless sensor.

1           22. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim  
2    7, wherein the preferred channel comprises a single location-limited channel capable  
3    of communicating both from the wireless sensor to the provisioning device and from  
4    the provisioning device to the wireless sensor.

1           23. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 7,  
2    wherein the preferred channel comprises two separate channels, including a first  
3    location-limited channel capable of communicating from the wireless sensor to the  
4    provisioning device and a second location-limited channel capable of communicating  
5    from the provisioning device to the wireless sensor.

1           24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the preferred  
2 channel comprises a single location-limited channel capable of communicating both  
3 from the wireless sensor to the provisioning device and from the provisioning device  
4 to the wireless sensor.

1           25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the preferred  
2 channel comprises two separate channels, including a first location-limited channel  
3 capable of communicating from the wireless sensor to the provisioning device and a  
4 second location-limited channel capable of communicating from the provisioning  
5 device to the wireless sensor.

1           26. (Previously Presented) The computer controlled method of claim 1,  
2 further comprising receiving the at least one of the provisioning information or  
3 additional application-specific information from the provisioning device over at  
4 least one of: a telephone network, or the Internet.

1           27. (Cancelled)

1           28. (Previously Presented) The computer controlled method of claim 1,  
2 wherein receiving information over the secure communication channel further  
3 comprises receiving information from at least one of: emergency radio station,  
4 television station, cellular phone system, wired telephone system, or the Internet.

1           29. (Previously Presented) The computer controlled method of claim 1,  
2 further comprising identifying an intended resident alert device at an emergency  
3 operation center, and transmitting information from the emergency operation  
4 center to the intended resident alert device.